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1#THE EMBASSY RECEIVED A NOTE DATED JUNE 6, 1974 AS FOLGEWS:

QUOTE: THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO ALL DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR MISSIONS, AGENCIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS, AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ACCREDITED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDONESIA AND WITH REFERENCE TO ITS NOTE NO. D.0483/74/24 CONCERNING THE PROHIBITION OF IMPORTATION OF SEDANS AND STATION WAGONS IN BUILT-UP CONDITION INTO INDONESIA, HAS THE HONOR TO GIVE FURTHER CLARIFICATION WITH REGARD TO THE IMPORTATION OF JEEPS, INCLUDING HARDTOP JEEPS AND LANDROVERS AS STIPULATED IN PARA II PAGE 3 OF AFORE-MENTIONED NOTE AS FOLLOWS.

ACCORDING TO THE DECREE OF THE MINISTER OF TRADE NO. 334/KP/X/71 DATED 29 OCTOBER 1971, "COMMERCIAL CARS" ARE IN PRINCIPLE PROHIBITED TO BE IMPORTED IN COMPLETE BUILT UP CONDITION INTO JAVA AND SUMATERA AND ALTHOUGH UNDER THIS DECREE THE CATEGORY OF "COMMERCIAL CARS" INCLUDES JEEPS, HARDTOP JEEPS AND LANDROVERS, THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE MAY TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS TO ISSUE SPECIAL PERMITS

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FOR THE IMPORTATION OF THESE CARS IN COMPLETE BUILT-UP CONDITION.

THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR MISSIONS, AGENCIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATIONS. UNQUOTE.

IN AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH GENERAL SUDHARMONO, STATE SECRETARY, ON JUNE 17, GENERAL SUDHARMONO STATED THAT THE AIM OF THE ABOVE POLICY IS TO PREVENT IMPORTS DESIGNATED FOR "COMMERCIAL" USE, NOT TO PREVENT IMPORTS FOR INDIVIDUAL OR OFFICIAL USE.

2. IN ACCORDANCE WITH ABOVE NOTE, IF ARGENTO CAN FURNISH US WITH SPECIFICS ON TYPE OF AUTO HE INTENDS TO BUY, EMBASSY WILL APPLY FOR A SPECIAL PERMIT IN HIS NAME AND REPORT RESULTS SOONEST.

3. WITH REFERENCE TO CURRENT SITUATION, VEHICLES IMPORTED UP TO APRIL 21, 1974 (SEE JAKARTA 5452 DATED MAY 4) HAVE NOT BEEN RELEASED TO DATE THOUGH GENERAL SUDHARMONO INFORMED THE AMBASSADOR THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE ON JUNE 15 SENT A LETTER TO CUSTOMS WHICH WILL BRING ABOUT THE RELEASE OF ALL CARS BELONGING TO NON-DIPLOMATIC STAFF HELD AT THE PORT SINCE THE IMPORT BAN BEGAN ON JANUARY 21.

4. VARIOUS EXPEDIENTS WHICH MIGHT BE USED TO PROVIDE VEHICLES FOR U.S. PERSONNEL ARE NOW BEING DISCUSSED AND CONSIDERED AND WILL BE RELAYED TO WASHINGTON AS SOON AS FIRM DECISIONS ARE REACHED.

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